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AS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN MTN

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1. AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL, EMBASSY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INQUIRE
AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVELS ABOUT REPORTED GOJ INTENTIONS
TO INCLUDE WOOD PRODUCTS UNDER ITEMS 44.01 TO 44.18 IN GOJ
DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR MTN. IF REPORT IS
CORRECT, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT SUCH A STEP WILL
PROMPTLY GENERATE A STRONG CRITICAL REACTION IN THE UNITED

STATES AND HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. GOJ INCLUSION OF WOOD PRODUCTS IN AGRICULTURE DEFINITION CONTRASTS WITH RESTRAINT USED BY UNITED STATES, WHICH LIMITED NOTIFICATIONS FROM CCCN CHAPTERS 25 THROUGH 99 TO ITEMS WITH 1974 IMPORT VALUE FROM ALL SOURCES OF UNDER \$150 MILLION, INCLUDING SOME ITEMS BOUND DUTY FREE.

3. AS NOTED REFTTEL, US EXPORT INTEREST IN PROCESSED WOOD PRODUCTS IS LARGE AND GROWING. EMBASSY WILL RECALL PAST PRESSURES FOR US TO LIMIT LOG EXPORTS OR TIE THEM TO INCREASED JAPANESE PURCHASES OF US LUMBER ETC.

4. MOTIVE BEHIND REPORTED GOJ ACTION NOT CLEAR. IF, AS INDICATED REFTTEL, MOST OF THE GOJ IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES ARE DUTY FREE, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER (1) GOJ WANTS TO AVOID BINDING ON SENSITIVITY GROUNDS OR (2) INTENDS TO BIND AND IN SOME CASES REDUCE DUTIES BUT WANTS TO USE SUCH CREDITS UNDER REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURES TO COMPENSATE FOR FAILURE TO GRANT REQUESTS OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES ON OTHER PRODUCTS WHICH ARE MORE WIDELY ACCEPTED AS AGRICULTURAL. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, EMBASSY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE UNDERLYING REASONS FOR INTENDED GOJ ACTION. VANCE

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